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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2003, the applicant elects, with traverse, the subject matter of the Examiner's Group I. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are requested as the examination of all the pending claims is not believed to be an undue burden on the Examiner.

An early and favorable action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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